IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO WESTERN DIVISION AT DAYTON

JAMES DERRICK O'NEAL,

:

Petitioner,

Case No. 1:02-cv-357

vs. District Judge Michael R. Barrett

Magistrate Judge Michael R. Merz

MARGARET BAGLEY, Warden :

Death Penalty Case

Respondent.

STATUS REPORT ON STATE COURT PROCEEDINGS: DECISION OF COURT OF APPEALS OF HAMILTON COUNTY

Petitioner James O'Neal, through the undersigned counsel, hereby submits this report on the status of the state court proceedings on his <u>Atkins</u> claim.

Accompanying this status report is a copy of the December 1, 2006 decision of the Court of Appeals of Hamilton County, Ohio in <u>State of Ohio v. James Derrick O'Neal</u>, Case No. C-050840, affirming the judgment of the Court of Common Pleas.

Petitioner will be filing a notice of appeal to the Supreme Court of Ohio within 45 days from the date of this decision as provided for in the Rules of the Supreme Court of Ohio.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on December 8, 2006 I electronically filed the foregoing Status Report on State Court Proceedings: Decision of Court of Appeals of Hamilton County with the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the following: Stephen E. Maher and Matthew C. Hellman, Assistant Attorneys General, Capital Crimes Section, 30 East Broad Street-23rd Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3428.

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